

# Langston Hughes Middle School

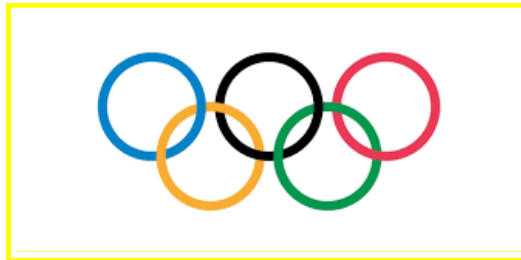
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August 2024

Dear Team Langston Hughes:

Welcome to the **2024-2025** academic year! We are looking forward to another great year! Because you may have questions about the start of the school year, the following information is provided for your assistance.

A schoolwide theme is pivotal, as it unifies staff and students and creates a cohesive and spirited school community. To that end, our school-wide theme for the 2024-2025 academic year stems from the 2024 Olympics:



**#WeArePOWERful ... GOING for the GOLD!**

## **SIS ParentVUE Account**

FCPS provides ParentVUE accounts to parents/guardians. You may view your child's schedule, grades, and attendance via ParentVUE. Emergency Care Cards and Health Information can be updated in ParentVUE. Monitoring your child's academic performance regularly, through ParentVUE, will greatly aid in your child's success. **If you do not have a ParentVUE account, please contact Cristina Hannon, our registrar, at [cmhannon@fcps.edu](mailto:cmhannon@fcps.edu), for assistance.**

## **Open House**

Student schedules will go live in SIS Thursday, August 15th. Paper copies of your child's class schedule will be available during the Open House on Thursday, August 15, 2024, from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Families are invited to take a self-guided tour of the building, locate classrooms, and turn in paper copies of Emergency Care Cards and

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Health Information. Parents may also drop off medication, receive ParentVUE support, put money on lunch accounts, join the PTA, and purchase spirit wear.

## **Information Packet**

The following forms (some enclosed) must be completed and returned by **Friday, September 6th**. The individual forms can be found on our school's website at the following address: <https://hughesms.fcps.edu/BTSforms>.

- Health Form – can be updated through SIS ParentVUE
- Emergency Care Card – can be updated through SIS ParentVUE
- [After-school Permission Form](#)
- [Free and Reduced Meals Application](#)
- [Digital Resource Consent](#)
- [Medication Authorization](#)
- [Annual Opt-Out Booklet](#)



## **First Day of School**

All students will receive a fresh paper copy of their schedule and school map, in 1st period, on the first day of school, **Monday, August 19th**. Staff members will ensure that all students are able to find their correct locations.

## **School-Issued Laptop and Supply List**

During the first week of school, students will receive their school-issued laptops during PE class. Everything Panthers need to know about Back-to-School (i.e., supply list, etc.) can be found on our website: <https://hughesms.fcps.edu/2024-2025SY> – in the Full Menu.

## **Lockers**

Students may carry backpacks during the day to ensure that they have all their supplies with them in class. Classrooms have wall hooks for backpack storage. A locker request form will be shared with students and families after the first week of school. Locker combinations must be kept private at all times and should never be shared with peers. Additionally, lockers are available for all students during PE classes and are available to store instruments in the band and orchestra classrooms.

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## Cafeteria

Breakfast and lunch prices are as follows:

Breakfast: \$1.75  
Lunch: \$3.50

For the 2024-2025 school year, we will continue to offer self-serve salad bars for students on the cafeteria serving lines. **Families applying for Free and Reduced-Price Meals have until Tuesday, October 1, 2024 to apply.** Students approved for Free and Reduced-Price Meals may qualify for additional benefits such as waived or reduced fees for instruments, uniforms, field trips, FCPS class fees and Parktakes Online classes. It is faster if you were to complete the online application at <https://www.fcps.edu/frm>. In addition, we have two microwaves in our cafeteria and two snack machines (cash, apple pay) for student use.

## Medication Drop Off

The clinic will be open, for medication drop off, during Open House on August 15th from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. The physician's form must be completed, and the medication must be in the original container. Over the counter medication (e.g., Tylenol) must be in the original package. A form must be completed for students to carry an Epi-pen or an inhaler on his or her person. **Students are otherwise never permitted to carry medication on their person.** Parents/guardians may also bring medication and forms to the clinic once school starts. Contact our school nurse, Ms. Jairica Johnson, at [jjohnson3@fcps.edu](mailto:jjohnson3@fcps.edu), with any questions about FCPS' medication policy.

## Save the Dates

Event	Date	Time
Open House	Thursday, August 15, 2024	5 p.m. – 7 p.m.
First Day of School	Monday, August 19, 2024	7:20 a.m. – 2:15 p.m.
Late Buses Start	Monday, September 9, 2024	afterschool
PTA Kickoff – <b>Consider joining!</b>	Thursday, September 19, 2024	5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Back-to-School Night (BTSN)	Thursday, September 19, 2024	6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Picture Days	Tuesday, October 29, 2024 Wednesday, October 30, 2024	during PE classes

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## Administrators and School Counselors

Administrators	
Dr. Herman Mizell	Principal
Ms. Marissa Brooks	Director of Student Services
Ms. Sharon Duncan-Hudspeth	Associate Principal
Ms. Kerri Kirk	7th Grade
Mr. Dwayne Braxton	8th Grade
Ms. Brittanye Mohrbacher	Dean of Students
7th-Grade School Counselors	
Ms. Karen Bach	A-K
Ms. Angel Evins	L-Z
8th-Grade School Counselors	
Ms. Phyllis DeGraffenreid	A-K
Mr. Mark Blocker	L-Z

## Parent Teacher Student Association (PTA)

Consider joining our Parent Teacher Association. We will hold a membership drive from 5-6 p.m. prior to Open House on Thursday, August 15th. You can even purchase school-spiritwear! Your joining shows you support the PTA, LHMS, and action plan that is focused on initiatives and programs to strengthen your child's educational experience.

**We will hold a PTA organizational meeting Monday, August 26th at 7 p.m. at LHMS.** The following positions are vacant: President and select committee chairs. We need you!

Finally, please do not hesitate to contact a member of the administrative team or me should you have concerns or suggestions throughout the year. Let's make this a terrific year! **We are Langston Hughes Middle School – where AWESOME is the new normal!**

In partnership,

Dr. Herman S. Mizell  
Principal